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**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 10, 14-16, 20 and 23. These sheets, which include Fig. 10, 14-16, 19, 20 and 23, replaces the original sheets including Fig. 10, 14-16, 19, 20 and 23.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (6)

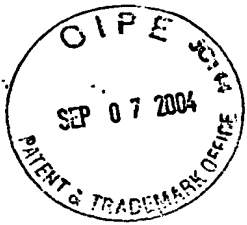


FIG.10

BLOCK DIAGRAM SHOWING A FUNCTIONAL BLOCK CONFIGURATION OF AN IMAGE PROCESSING UNIT.

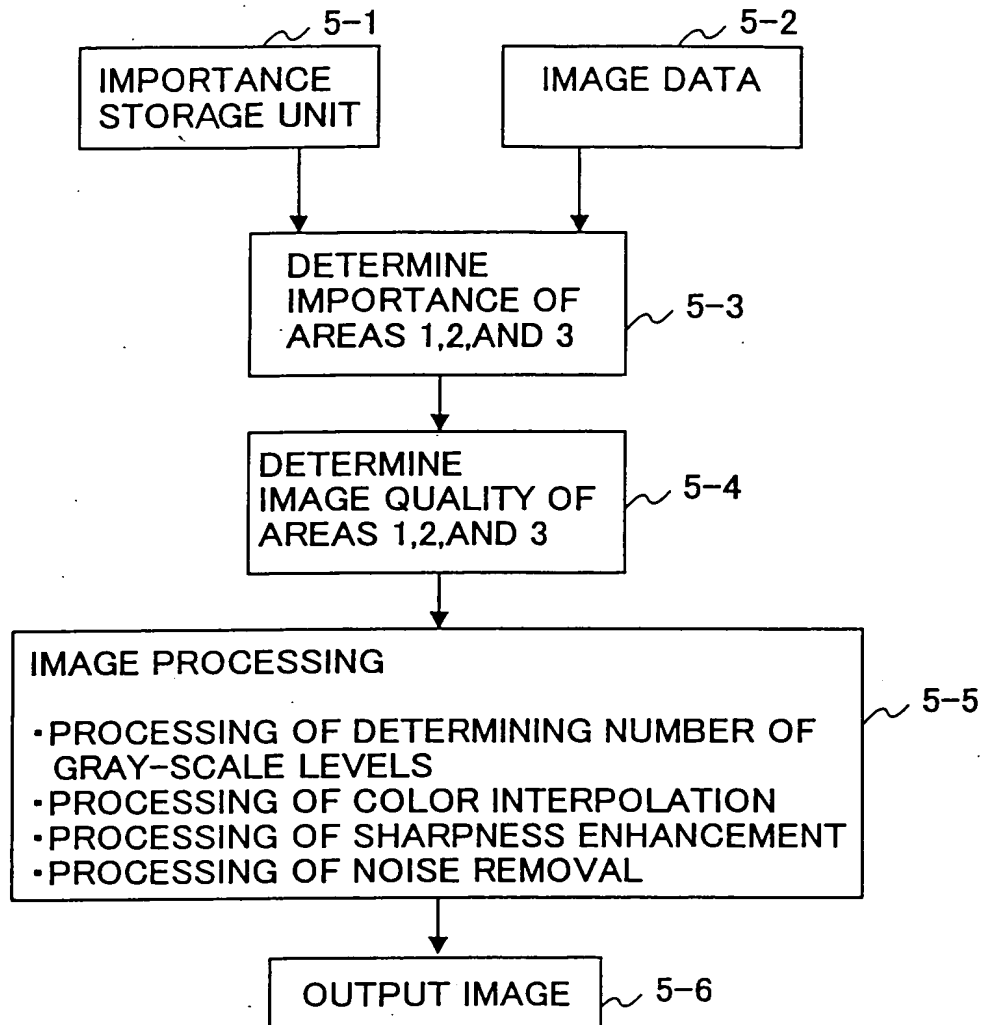




FIG.14

BLOCK DIAGRAM SHOWING AN EXAMPLE OF A HARDWARE CONFIGURATION INCLUDING AN IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS.

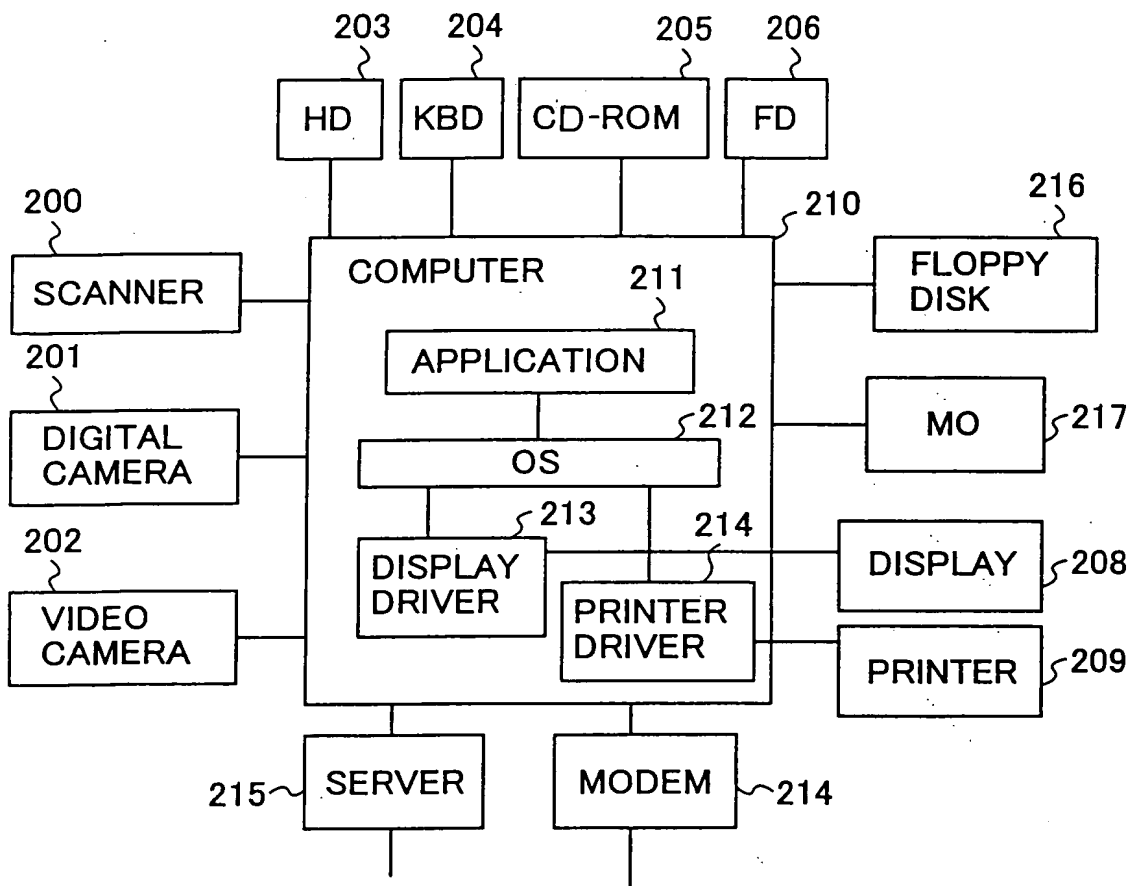




FIG.15

FLOWCHART SHOWING A FIRST EMBODIMENT OF A PROCESS OF MAKING IMAGE QUALITY VARY DEPENDING ON LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE.

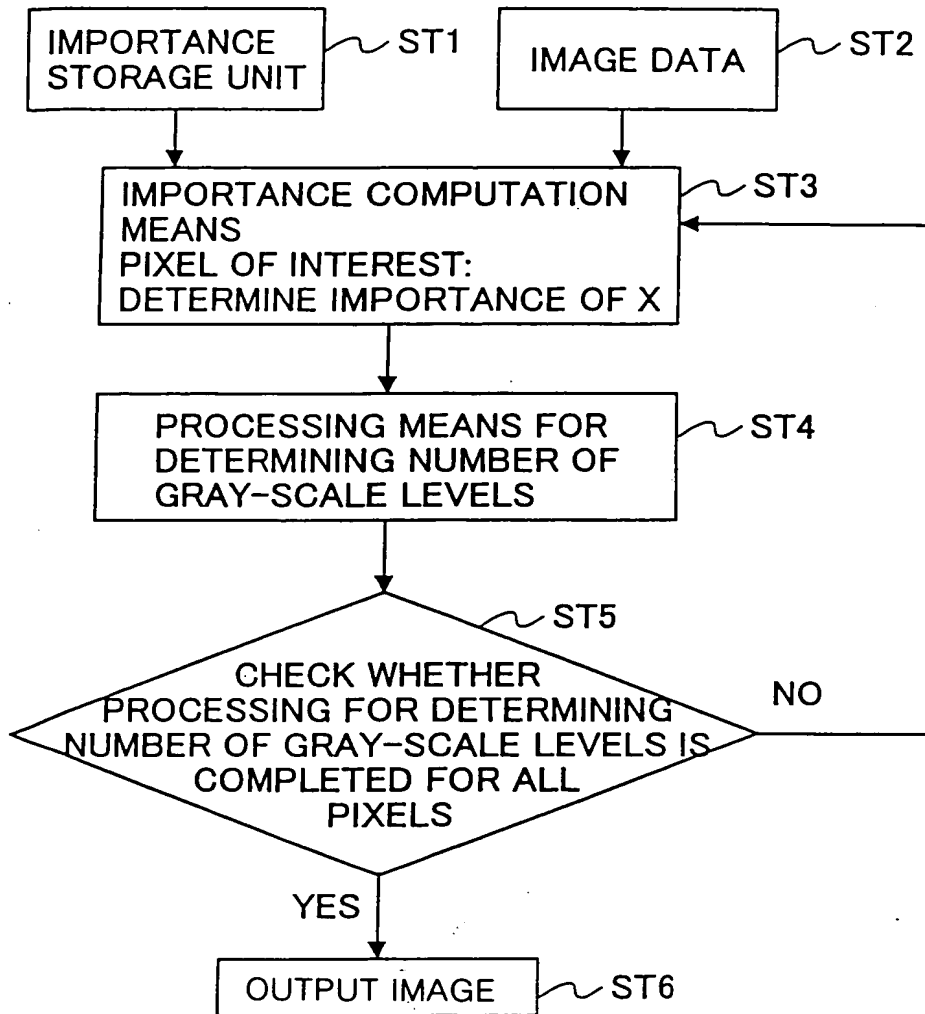




FIG.16

FLOWCHART SHOWING A SECOND EMBODIMENT OF A PROCESS OF MAKING IMAGE QUALITY VARY DEPENDING ON LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE.

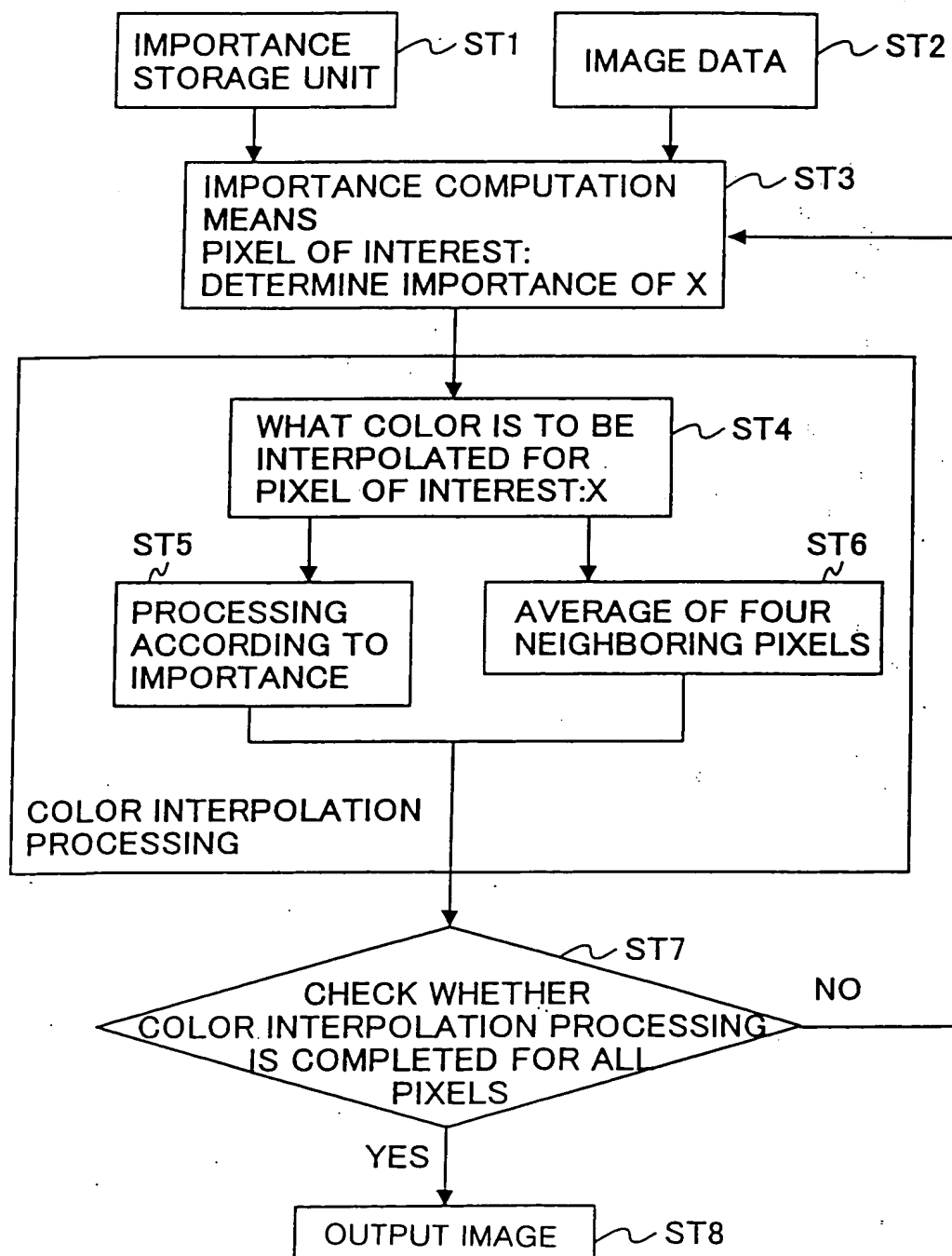




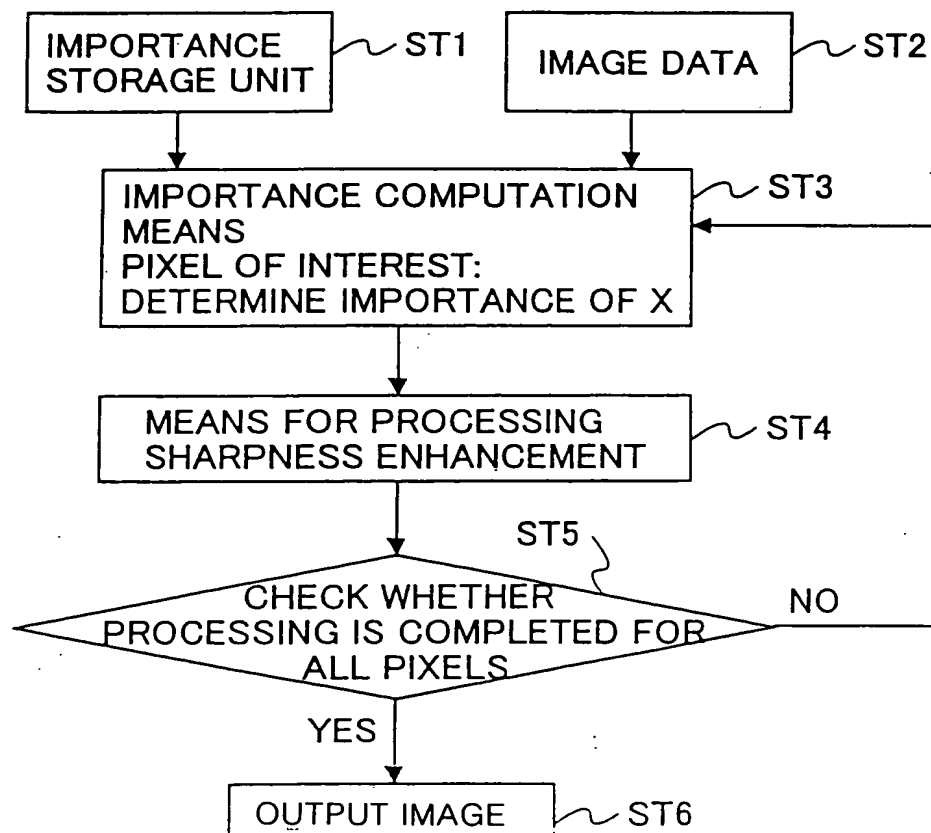
FIG.19

DRAWING SHOWING AN EXAMPLE OF A WIDE AREA OF INTERPOLATION REFERENCE THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE CASE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

	e		h	
i		a		l
	b	x	c	
j		d		k
	f		g	

FIG.20

FLOWCHART SHOWING A THIRD EMBODIMENT OF A PROCESS OF MAKING IMAGE QUALITY VARY DEPENDING ON LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE.





## FIG.23

FLOWCHART SHOWING A FOURTH EMBODIMENT OF A PROCESS OF MAKING IMAGE QUALITY VARY DEPENDING ON LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE.

